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**TWO FORMER OPM EMPLOYEES AND THREE MARYLAND RESIDENTS PLEAD
GUILTY TO CONSPIRACY AND THEFT OF AT LEAST \$3.7 MILLION FROM THE
CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT TRUST FUND**

Greenbelt, Maryland – Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that two former Office of Personnel Management (OPM) employees entered guilty pleas today before U.S. District Court Judge Peter J. Messitte in connection with the theft of almost \$4 million from the Civil Service Retirement Trust Fund.

Agatha Malloy, age 42, of Indian Head, Maryland and her former co-worker Anita Cary, age 53, of Capitol Heights, Maryland pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States and to steal government monies, and one count of accepting bribes. Malloy, also known as Agatha Cobey, was a retirement benefits specialist with OPM for 22 years. Cary, also a retirement benefits specialist, retired from OPM in January 2002.

Cary and Malloy diverted federal pension payments to others including: Paul A. Washington, age 59, of Clinton, Maryland; Francis D. Stewart, age 65, of Brandywine, Maryland and Deborah D. Stewart, age 46, of Brandywine, Maryland. The three defendants kicked back part of the

payments to Malloy and Cary. Washington, Francis Stewart and Deborah Stewart also entered guilty pleas today for one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States and to steal government monies.

All five defendants face a maximum sentence of five years for conspiracy to defraud and to steal government monies, and Malloy and Carey also face a maximum sentence of 15 years for accepting bribes.

The investigation continues. This case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and OPM, Office of the Inspector General. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Barbara S. Skalla and Stuart A. Berman.